



Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc

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Winner of the January 2016 Photo Competition



Chris Head - Tollgates day 3 sunrise

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About the Club

The Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc. is a sport fishing club that endeavours to promote a social awareness among its members, single or family. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the **Eastlakes Football Club No 3 Oxley St Griffith ACT** beginning at 7:30pm. All members and visitors are most welcome.

Members of the Canberra Fisherman's Club are eligible to set Club Records and, upon payment of an Australian National Sport fishing Association (ANSA) affiliation fee, also able to set Australian records, and World records (through ANSA affiliation with the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA)).

Aims of the Club

- To promote sport fishing
- To foster the art of angling
- To teach the art of angling to new members and particularly juniors
- To promote the study and conservation of fish species and the environment
- To co-operate with and support other bodies with similar aims and ideals.

The Club also supports the Recfish Australia National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing, which endorses:

1. Quickly and correctly returning unwanted or illegal catch to the water
2. Quickly killing fish that are kept for consumption
3. Using only appropriate, legal tackle, attending gear and valuing the catch
4. Taking no more than our immediate needs
5. Supporting and encouraging activities that preserve, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitat
6. Understanding and observing all fishing regulations and reporting illegal fishing activities
7. Preventing pollution and protecting wildlife by removing rubbish
8. Taking care when boating and anchoring to avoid damage to wildlife and habitat
9. Using established roads and tracks
10. Reporting environmental damage
11. Avoiding unnecessary interactions with wildlife species and their habitats
12. Practising courtesy towards all those who use inland and coastal waters
13. Obtaining permission from landholders and traditional owners before entering their land
14. Caring for our own safety and the safety of others when fishing.

President's Report

Hi all,

Well as usual a lot has been happening and this time it's mainly been around arrangements for the Carp Out. We at last have all of our permits approved so it's all systems go. By the time you are reading this newsletter we will be in full swing promoting the Carp Out and getting entries in. This year entries are online via our website so people can easily register and pay with PayPal or a credit card. This decision was made to help reduce the administrative cost of printing and running that we have done previously between outlets keeping up with forms etc. So it's time to let your friends, family and fisho mates know the Carp Out is on Sunday the 3rd April at Lennox Gardens Yarralumla and direct them to www.canberra-carp-out.com or www.canberrafishos.com and to keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page for all the latest updates.

Hopefully all members now have fish stocking raffle tickets to sell. We really need a big effort in selling as many as we can as we have 5000 tickets printed. So if you do not have a book or two please contact Anthony Heiser as he is the keeper of the tickets this year. Tickets are only \$2.00 each and the prizes this year are: A Hobie Outback Kayak, an Aria Airpole tent that does not require tent poles and, a 50 litre Powertech portable fridge/freezer.

With only 4 weeks to the Carp Out (by the time you read this) we could do with a little help so if you can pass on the website address, put up a few some posters, or sell some raffle tickets, please get in touch. Another way to help is to volunteer your expertise for the fishing clinic that will be held on Saturday 2nd April or lend a bit of elbow grease at the Carp Out on the 3rd April. If you are available on either day, please put your name on the outing sheets and turn up bright and early as many hands make light work and a great event.

For those people attending the upcoming Narooma Convention, we're all hoping the fish are cooperative and the club members are up there in the trophy and raffle stakes. I am looking forward to the April outing at St Georges basin as this will be a good break after all the stress of getting through yet another Carp Out.

Daniel McNeice and I will be preparing to fish the second round of the Southern Bream Series on the Shoalhaven River on the 6th of March so hopefully in the next Newsletter we can at least report a capture of a bream this round.

Finally, better late than never we are now getting out our Sponsor reports out to our Burrinjuck sponsors. The first cab of the rank is our good Mate Stuart Hindson from [Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures](#). We personally presented it to Stu at the January Tuross outing – thanks again mate for your support.

Tight lines everybody till next month.

Chris Head



Secretary's Report

Hi All

The year is moving along quickly and Autumn is nearly upon us. I hope you have all made good use of the warmer weather to get your coastal and/or native fishing fix and that you didn't sustain much hail damage to your boat or vehicle over the recent weeks.

February has been a busy month for myself personally which has put a hold on a lot of fishing activity. Things are also starting to ramp up for the committee as we get prepared for the 2016 Canberra Carp-Out. We have been working away at the red tape for the event for the last couple of months, but soon we will start putting in the real hard yards promoting the event and selling raffle tickets.

Shortly we will be calling for volunteers to man ticket selling stalls as well as lend some elbow grease one the day itself. Traditionally we have always had a high participation rate on the day and for which we are extremely grateful, but if you could lend a few hours on a Saturday or a Sunday that we have scheduled to have a stall at a local shopping centre or event, it would make the committee's job a little less stressful and will also help the club raise as much money as possible for fish stocking.

While on this subject, we have already made an excellent start to ticket sales at the 4WD Spectacular in Queanbeyan and at the Convoy for Cancer Families at EPIC and I would like to extend a big thank you to all members who put their hands up to help out at these events. Special thanks from myself to Glen and Karen Malam who had to man the convoy stall on their own for the whole day as I had an unexpected family emergency at the last minute.

The upcoming March outing is the Narooma Convention which is held over the Canberra Day long weekend. The outing runs 11th to 14th March 2016. Good luck to all who are attending. Details for the convention can be seen a little later in the newsletter. After that of course is Easter 25th to 28th March 2016. Best wishes to all over that period and safe travels to anyone who is going away (fishing I hope!).

Following Easter, just week later, is the Canberra Carp-Out on Sunday 3rd of April 2016. That's how close it is and why we need your help whenever you can spare it, because February/March is going to be jam packed for most of us.

Finally, the next General Meeting is: Wednesday 16th March 2016, 7.30pm at Eastlakes Football Club. Unfortunately, the meeting rooms are not available on our regular date and so we have moved to the 16th. We are sorry for any scheduling conflicts that may cause for members but I really hope you are able to join us anyway.

Tight Lines

Sarah



Recorder's Report

G'day all,

Another quiet month for the club's recorder. I think there were a total of about 8 fish recorded this month. Most of them by the McNeice family. Compared with the dozens of fish I had to enter after the Tuross outing, the Talbingo score sheet was a breeze. Only two fish were recorded for the weekend. Congratulations Lindsay Steele!

Carp Out is just around the corner so your committee has been busy doing all the things that need to happen for it to run smoothly. This year we are pushing for more online and less paper based entries simply to make our lives easier. We also have the same label printer we used at Burrinjuck to produce the entry cards so last night preparations should be easier too.

Pirtek is on three weeks' time too if people are interested. I see its \$25 entry fee as a ticket in the major prize of a rather nice Stacer 449 Outlaw and all the necessary bits. The regions we'd be interested in this year include the Murray-Darling basin where Yellow Belly, Murray Cod and Carp are the targets, and NSW where Flathead, Bream, Whiting and Snapper. I'm torn between a coast trip and trying for that elusive Googong Green and Gold.

That's it from me for another month. As usual, keep those capture forms rolling in!

John.



Club Championship

Open

Mel Marlborough	450	
Glen Malam	426	
Macy Walton	212	(less than 2 outings attended)
Kyle Walton	200	(less than 2 outings attended)
John Bosch	136	

Ladies

Mel Marlborough	450	
Macy Walton	212	(less than 2 outings attended)
Rose Davis	49	
Lilly Mcneice	17	

Junior

Macy Walton	212	(less than 2 outings attended)
Kyle Walton	200	(less than 2 outings attended)
Justin Mcneice	23	
Lilly Mcneice	17	

Land Based

Mel Marlborough	450	
Macy Walton	90	(less than 2 outings attended)
Glen Malam	70	
Anthony Heiser	69	
Zane Zhao	44	(less than 2 outings attended)

Fresh Water

Mel Marlborough	450	
Mick Jewry	114	(less than 2 outings attended)
Macy Walton	90	(less than 2 outings attended)
Anthony Heiser	69	
Glen Malam	60	

Salt Water

Glen Malam	366	
John Bosch	136	
Zane Zhao	44	(less than 2 outings attended)
Daniel Mcneice	38	
Justin Mcneice	23	

Most Versatile Angler

Glen Malam	7	
Macy Walton	3	(less than 3 sections entered)
Zane Zhao	2	(less than 3 sections entered)
Mick Jewry	2	(less than 3 sections entered)
Mel Marlborough	2	(less than 3 sections entered)

Salt Water Length

(Black Bream, Pikey Bream, Tarwhine, Yellowfin Bream)

Keith Smith	4,050
Steve Bailey	1,845
Zane Zhao	1,620
Daniel Mcneice	1,380
Susan Mcneice	935

Fresh Water Length

(Golden Perch)

Paul Hoath	3,970
Chris Lemmon	970
John Bosch	790
Macy Walton	480
Steve Bailey	370

Tagging Award

Board Fish - Weight

Atlantic Salmon	0.50 kg	Chris Lemmon
Australian Salmon	2.32 kg	Zane Zhao
Barramundi	18.00 kg	Steve Bailey
Black Bream	1.28 kg	Steve Bailey
Blue Morwong	1.19 kg	Eustice Tonna
Brown Trout	4.78 kg	Mitchell McGovern
Common Stingray	4.64 kg	Glen Malam
Dusky Flathead	4.00 kg	Kyle Walton
European Carp	4.50 kg	Mel Marlborough
Golden Perch	1.80 kg	Macy Walton
Leatherjacket	0.94 kg	Eustice Tonna
Luderick	0.58 kg	Chris Lemmon
Rainbow Trout	7.10 kg	Mitchell McGovern
Silver Trevally	0.64 kg	Chris Lemmon
Snapper	0.57 kg	Eustice Tonna
Snook Barracuda	0.97 kg	Zane Zhao
Yellowfin Bream	1.48 kg	Keith Smith

Board Fish - Length

Atlantic Salmon	450 mm	Chris Lemmon
Australian Salmon	480 mm	Glen Malam
Banjo Ray	930 mm	Susan Mcneice
Barramundi	1130 mm	Steve Bailey
Black Bream	420 mm	Brian Stacy
Blue Morwong	490 mm	Eustice Tonna
Brown Trout	660 mm	Mitchell McGovern
Dusky Flathead	840 mm	Glen Malam
Dusky Flathead	840 mm	Kyle Walton
European Carp	720 mm	Chris Head
Golden Perch	490 mm	Chris Lemmon
Leatherjacket	400 mm	Eustice Tonna

Mulloway	715 mm	Daniel Mcneice
Murray Cod	580 mm	Steve Bailey
Rainbow Trout	865 mm	Mitchell McGovern
Redfin Perch	300 mm	Steve Bailey
Sand Whiting	370 mm	Steve Bailey
Snapper	350 mm	Eustice Tonna
Snook Barracuda	720 mm	Zane Zhao
Tailor	380 mm	Daniel Mcneice
Yellowfin Bream	400 mm	Keith Smith

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

4.50kg on 1 kg
Mel Marlborough

Estuary

Dusky Flathead

4.00kg on 2 kg
Kyle Walton

Beach

Australian Salmon

2.32kg on 2 kg
Zane Zhao

All Tackle Championship

Open

Glen Malam	20
Greg Davis	15
Brian Stacy	11
Kevin Spriggs	11
Rose Davis	9

Junior

Lilly Mcneice	6
Justin Mcneice	6
Tyson Davis	4
Zachary Zhao	3
Jackson Guion	2
Jake Borman	2
Connor Davis	2

Soon to Expire Scales

91	Lemmon, Chris	CIL Digital	10 kg	24/03/2016
130	Robbie, Luke	Berkley	23 kg	24/03/2016
134	Mcneice, Daniel	Berkley	23 kg	24/03/2016

News & Stories

Canberra Carp Out



CANBERRA FISHERMAN'S CLUB

Invites you to the

CANBERRA CARP-OUT

MAJOR PRIZES - \$5,500 BOAT PACKAGE

FAMILY NO. ACT TF 181 00273

(plus \$\$\$'s worth of gift vouchers, fishing gear and other prizes)

**Sunday, 3rd April - Lennox Gardens
Lake Burley Griffin**

Details at www.canberra-carp-out.com



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ANSA and CRFA News

by Anthony Heiser



My cat Yuki 'helping' me prepare the exhibits for the Queanbeyan 4WD Show and Jerrabomberra Wetlands Festival.

I apologise for missing this segment in the last newsletter and I would normally have written an outing report myself given the wonderful session Chris Guion and I had at Coila Lake on the Sunday of the Tuross Outing. I just had too much on my plate at the time with preparations for the Queanbeyan 4WD Show. This month, I've got quite a lot to report about and I might need to bribe the editor with a bottle of red to fit this all in the newsletter.

Queanbeyan 4WD Show – 30-31 January 2016



The CFC exhibit (left) and CRFA exhibit (right) at the Queanbeyan 4WD Show.

The CFC and the CRFA ran a stall at the Queanbeyan 4WD Show on 30-31 January 2016. The weather at this year's event brought back memories of the first 4WD Show I was involved in when it rained so hard that there was 2 inches of water covering the Queanbeyan

Show Grounds. This year, no sooner had Shane and I finished setting up the CFC/CRFA Marquee on Friday lunchtime, it was completely demolished by a big storm.



That meant Friday evening was a write-off for Shane, Sally and I as we had to return to the showgrounds and reassemble the marquee using a few cable ties.

Fortunately, the marquee was still in one piece when Bill Blair from Canberra Anglers Association and I returned on Saturday morning. No sooner had we placed the Hobie Kayak from Wetspot Watersports out on display as the major prize for the Fish Stocking Raffle, people came rushing in to buy their raffle tickets. Greg and Rose Davis took over in the afternoon and tickets continued to sell fast. Unfortunately, ticket sales halted when another storm hit Queanbeyan. Although the weather later cleared up, raffle sales just didn't pick up.

The next morning, the marquee was still standing but you almost needed a boat to navigate the 'floodwaters' in the showgrounds. Sunday morning started a little slow but eventually picked up and Kevin, Shane and I spent the day selling more raffle tickets.

Still, the Queanbeyan 4WD Show was a great start to the Club's Fish Stocking Raffle. The Club will continue to sell raffle tickets at other venues and events between now and the Carp-Out. The fish stocking raffle will help the Club continue its great work in stocking native fish in our local lakes and the Committee will be very grateful for anyone who would like to volunteer their time to help out at any of those events and venues.



Fish stocking in the Queanbeyan River – 5 February 2016



Peter Kilfoyle from the Canberra Anglers Association with some of the 8500 Murray Cod fingerlings released by the Queanbeyan City Council on 5 February 2016.

The Queanbeyan City Council released 8500 Murray Cod fingerlings into the Queanbeyan River on 5 February 2016. Funding for this project has been partially provided through the DPI's Dollar for Dollar program grant of \$3000 and matched by a Council contribution of \$3000. Peter Kilfoyle and Bill Blair from the Canberra Anglers Club and myself attended the event as representatives of the CRFA.

It's great to see the Queanbeyan City Council supporting recreational fishing in the Queanbeyan River. Judging by the number of kids riding their bikes through town with fishing rods in their backpacks, fishing is very popular among the juniors in Queanbeyan.

While we were there, officers from the Queanbeyan City Council mentioned to us that they were finding discarded fishing line with hooks, and rubbish (such as packaging for fishing lures) being left at various fishing spots. One officer told me she had to remove fish hooks from swans and removed opera house nets with dead turtles inside. If you see any rubbish at your favourite fishing spot, then the Council and the majority of anglers who do the right thing will be most grateful if you could bag and dispose that rubbish.

The Queanbeyan City Council has received a grant from the DPI Recreational Fishing Trust for \$2700 to



Bill Blair from the Canberra Anglers Association removing discarded fishing line he found while releasing Cod fingerlings.

install educational signs along with fishing line and tackle disposal bins, at six locations adjacent to fishing sites along the Queanbeyan River and Lake Jerrabomberra.

These bins are designed as a practical environmental solution for the recovery of lost fishing line and tackle that litter our beautiful waterways. The bins act as a means to collect fishing tackle and also as a behaviour change reminder that keeping your fishing spot tidy allows the fisher a better experience fishing. You can find out more about this project in the [Queanbeyan City Council's media release](#).

Queanbeyan Resnagging Project – three years later and paying dividends.

You may recall the CRFA resnagged a section of the Queanbeyan River on 28 May 2013 thanks to a NSW DPI Habitat Action Grant of \$21,950 (see page 19 of the [Club's June 2013 Newsletter](#)). We received reports at the Queanbeyan 4WD show that the resnagged section of the river is now producing Cod. Anthony Kumarasinhe, who has been fishing the resnagged section of the river, recently sent this email to the CRFA:

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>>> On 4 Feb 2016, at 9:41 AM, Anthony Kumarasinhe <[REDACTED]> wrote:
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>>> This is an enquiry e-mail via http://crfa.org.au/ from:
>>> Anthony Kumarasinhe <[REDACTED]>
>>>
>>> Howdy guys/ladies,
>>> a couple of years ago you placed a whole heap of snags along the back of my place, [REDACTED] following that up with a large
release of cod fingerlings.
>>> Well, I would like to be reimbursed for a couple of hooks I have lost due to being snagged by cod (only joking). I actually want to thank
you. Using cheese I am getting a couple of snags, but am getting constant hits and hook-ups on cod. In the last two weeks I have
ventured out the backyard every few afternoons and have caught one about 50cms (returned) and a 35cm model. I would probably bring
in a heap more if I didn't read books at the same time. There is an extreme amount of activity, sometimes both rods are whirring away. I
don't think anyone bothers trying to catch redfin or carp anymore due to their diminishing existence in this section, both caught cod
have been extremely healthy and plump.
>>>
>>> Anyways, a job well done. I expect my two hooks to be reimbursed as soon as possible.
>>>
>>> Regards,
>>> Anthony Kumarasinhe
>>>
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Thank you Anthony for sharing this news with us. Anthony did submit some photos but given the size of this month's report, there was no room to include them in this article. However, Anthony has given us a nice demonstration that healthy habitats are the keys to healthy fisheries.

Jerrabomberra Wetlands Festival



The Woodlands and Wetlands Trust, in partnership with the ACT Government, celebrated World Wetlands Day by hosting the Jerrambomberra Wetlands Festival on 7 February 2016.

Steve Samuels (Monaro Acclimatisation Society), Bill Blair and Peter Kilfoyle (Canberra Anglers Association), and Shane Jasprizza and I ran the Capital Region Fishing Alliance exhibit near the front gate under the shade of some generously leafy gum trees. The kayak was a great talking point for the visitors and Shane and I had some help from Steve, Bill and Peter in selling tickets for the Fish Stocking Raffle. Steve also gave visitors an update on how soon the Koi Herpes Virus might be deployed to reduce Carp numbers in the Murray Darling System. However, before the virus can be deployed, logistical issues about what you do with rivers full of dead Carp and how to prevent a surge in the Redfin Perch population filling in the void left by the Carp needs to be addressed.

Also present was Antia Brademan from the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach. She advised that the UMDR now has good data on Carp movements with its [Carp Research Program](#) (this consists of Carp Trapping, Electronic Tracking of Carp, and angler diaries). If there is sufficient interest from our members, I'm sure Antia will be happy to attend a Club meeting to tell us what the UMDR has learnt from its research.



Steve Samuels discussing the logistical issues to be considered before the Koi Herpes Virus can be deployed in the Murray Darling System to control Carp numbers.

ANSA Updates

John Burgess, the Executive Director of ANSA National, recently emailed ANSA Clubs with a major update on the ANSA front. The updates cover the recreational fishing in Commonwealth Marine Reserves, the *Geelong Star*, and the review of the ANSA Rules. Rather than repackaging John's update, I have simply copied his email below. I have also attached

the Australian Recreational Fishing Alliance's media release in response to the Geelong Star's recent Whale Shark Encounter which John Burgess later forwarded to all the ANSA Clubs.

From: [John Burgess](#)

Sent: Wednesday, 10 February 2016 3:14 PM

To: [John Burgess](#)

Subject: Fw: ANSA member Update

8 February 2016

Dear ANSA Colleague,

I am writing to bring you up to date on a couple of important issues.

Commonwealth Marine Reserves.

Assistant Fisheries Minister, Senator Anne Ruston, recently travelled throughout Qld speaking to recreational fishers seeking their views about the impacts of the proposed Commonwealth marine reserve roll out, particularly implications for the Coral Sea Marine Reserve.

By all accounts the longstanding ANSA position of "no recreational fisher lockouts without justifiable science" was clearly reinforced by all those who had the good fortune to speak with the Senator.

Allan Hansard (ARFF), Brett Cleary (GFAA) and myself met with Environmental Minister Greg Hunt in Canberra last week to reaffirm our "no lock out" position on marine reserves and to remind the government of its pre-election commitment to support marine parks based only on appropriate science acknowledging that recreational fishers were not a threat to the marine environment and it was not the Coalition's intention to support a lockout of recreational fishers or restrict the ability of recreational fishers to access local areas. Ongoing consultation with recreational fishers was also promised.

Since coming to power the Coalition did establish Bioregional Advisory panels in those locations where it was proposed new Commonwealth marine reserves would be established - Coral Sea Reserve, Temperate East, South West, North West and North Reserve networks. ANSA together with members of ARFF have consulted regularly with these panels and have consistently argued the case for a better deal for recreational fishers which included no lockouts without justifiable science and a more liberal interpretation of what will or won't be allowed in IUCN 11 green zones which currently impose a ban on all forms of commercial and recreational fishing.

The Advisory panels have now concluded their review process and have made recommendations to the Minister. These recommendations have not yet been made public but our information is that the recommendations are not that different from those proposed when Labor was in power and the current interpretation of IUCN 11 is to stand.

At our recent meeting with Minister Hunt we expressed our disappointment with the reported outcome of the Advisory panel review and appealed to the Minister and the government to reconsider the plight of recreational fishers - especially to re-examine the merit of allowing a more flexible interpretation of IUCN 11 in the regulations so that some forms of managed recreational fishing would be permissible in these zones. Minister Hunt did agree to reconsider this option as it was in his words "important that we get the process right".

The final plans for the marine reserves will be released for public consultation in about 3 months' time. In the interim we will continue to have constructive dialogue with Minister Hunt and Assistant Minister Ruston.

Supertrawler

AFMA announced on 29 January that fishing operations of the Geelong Star were stopped following an unexpected high mortality of Albatross during its most recent trawl operations along the NSW South Coast. It seems that the Geelong Star is concentrating its fishing efforts within zone 6 which extends from south of Sydney down to Port Albert in Victoria and the top east side of Tasmania. Due to mid water trawl restrictions which apply across much of zone 6 the Geelong Star has been fishing close to State water boundaries and there have been many confirmed sightings of the vessel fishing inshore off Bermagui/ Merimbula.

Fishing operations have now resumed following consultation with AFMA and changes to the trawling gear which it is believed will avoid trawling interaction with Albatross and minimise mortalities. ANSA and other ARFF members will continue to closely monitor the fishing operations of the Geelong Star and other activities which have a bearing on the small pelagic fishery.

ANSA has also made a formal submission to the Senate Inquiry into the environmental, social and economic impacts of large capacity fishing vessels, commonly known as supertrawlers, operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction. A copy of the ANSA submission is attached and all relevant submissions can be found on the following AFMA link

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/Supertrawlers/Submissions. The ANSA submission can also be viewed on the ANSA website.

In excess of 100 submissions have been lodged with the Senate Inquiry thus far but most embrace a simple message "No Supertrawlers". If you can make the time I strongly recommend that you read over the ARFF and RFA submissions and those put forward by Seafish Tasmania (owner/operators of the Geelong Star) and the SPFIA industry body.

There has been quite a bit of recreational fisher and community unrest on the NSW South Coast with the inshore fishing operations of the Geelong Star. Sitting local member for Eden Monaro, Dr Peter Hendy (Assistant Minister for Productivity) is very much aware of the concerns of local recreational fishers and to his credit has met with local community groups voicing protest about the Geelong Star and its impacts upon local communities.

In terms of ongoing engagement between the owner operators of the Geelong Star, AFMA and members of ARFF - including ANSA, no decision has been taken by ARFF members at this time and we will review all options in light of the Senate Inquiry deliberations and any other issue of importance that might arise over the interim.

AGM and Changes to the National Executive

The ANSA National AGM and Branch Delegates meeting was held in Sydney late October last year and it was pleasing to see most State Branches represented and a wide range of State and National topics addressed. You can view the 2015 ANSA National report which details most of the issues addressed at the meeting on the ANSA website at

<http://www.ansa.com.au/>

Sadly, Bill Sawynok, longstanding ANSA Research Director, finally decided to call it a day and Ron Poole, our current Chair has put us on notice that he will be standing down later this year. Bill has been an outstanding contributor to ANSA affairs over many decades and his involvement and contribution will be very much missed. Likewise, Ron has done an outstanding job in keeping us all on the right path for many years. These departures now leave a number of positions on the National Executive that need to be filled. Preferably we would like to see every Branch represented on the National Executive so that the day to day business of ANSA National is reflective of what our grass members expect and deserve. If you are interested in a position on the National Executive and would like to know more about what is involved then please get in touch with me by email or phone on 0408609586.

Review of ANSA Rules

Now is the time for ANSA members to consider and put forward any suggestions for changes to the ANSA Rule Book. Suggested changes should be put through your State Branch Committee for review and endorsement and then referred onto me c/o the ANSA National Executive. Time wise we need to have all changes considered and determined by a joint meeting of State Delegates no later than 30 April 2016 so that any agreed changes can be incorporated into a reprint of the rule book and distributed to members before 1 July 2016. Ideally we would like to establish a sub-committee comprising of State branch members to assist National with the task of evaluating suggested changes. If you are interested in being a member of this sub-committee, then please get in touch with me.

Enough for now.

Regards

John Burgess
Executive Officer/ Director
ANSA National Ltd



MEDIA RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE
18 February 2016

Recreational fishers call for greater disclosure on Geelong Star operations

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) today called for greater transparency and disclosure of the fishing operations of the Geelong Star. The call comes after conflicting accounts about a recent interaction between the vessel and a whale shark near Eden NSW. Whale sharks are a protected species under the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Allan Hansard, Managing Director of ARFF said that "ARFF understands that in response to media inquiries the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) has confirmed the interaction with the whale shark and that 2 fins were entangled in the outside of the net. Once freed, the shark swam away unharmed."

The Small Pelagic Fisheries Industry Association (SPFIA) on its Facebook stated, "a whale shark had come alongside the net, the vessel maneuvered away and the whale shark had swum off unharmed."

Other unconfirmed reports in the media were that the whale shark was caught in the net and once freed with mechanical assistance it floated away.

"ARFF calls for the video footage of the Vessel's operation during the intervention are made available to confirm the actual and factual process of events," said Mr Hansard.

"This encounter has raised the issue of how many interactions like this one with the whale shark and other threatened and endangered species have occurred that we don't know the full story about?"

"In addition, it raises the issue about other by catch of the vessel. How many marlin, kingfish and other valuable species for recreational fishing – in addition to the bait it extracts –has the Geelong Star caught that we do not know about?"

In its submission to the Senate Inquiry on Supertrawlers ARFF raises this issue and states that: "fish that are not sold and are discarded are recorded on logbooks of the Geelong Star. However, the data is not publically available. This situation makes it impossible to determine the potential impact of the Geelong Star's activities on key recreational species that are non-target species. As these species are high value species for recreational fishing, it could be that the Geelong Star is catching, killing and discarding species that potentially exceed the value of the small pelagic fish it is catching for sale from these areas."

"ARFF calls for all information on discarded fish species caught by the Geelong Star are made public. This will provide transparency in relation to the opportunity cost of the vessel's activities to the recreational fishers and the local communities that support them" concluded Mr Hansard.

See the full ARFF submission to the Senate Inquiry into Supertrawlers at:
<http://www.recreationalfishing.com.au/images/PDF/ST-SUBMISSION.pdf>

ENDS

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Total Length Award species for 2015-16

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2015-16, the target species are Bream for the Saltwater section and Yellow Belly for the Freshwater. There's plenty of time to get involved and put some points on the board to have a shot at the trophies. Minimum legal lengths apply for fish to be considered eligible for entry.

The target species for the 2015-16 fishing year are:

Bream* in the Saltwater section



Yellow Belly in the Freshwater section



*Includes all Tarwhine and all species of Bream caught in Australian Territorial Waters. Note, this does not include freshwater species such as Bony Bream.

How many metres can you catch?

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2016 Canberra Carp Out!

We thank you for support and for being such a big part of this year's event!



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ACT Eden Monaro's own.



Fishin' Submission

The pages of this newsletter are available to all CFC members to adorn with articles, pictures, recipes, or just about anything fishing (or Canberra Fisherman's Club) related – yes, that's a new rule I just made up to accommodate my entry this month.



Not that this is at all fishing related (I suppose the product may be used as an expensive burley) but when I saw this in the grocery store, I knew it had a place somewhere in these pages, even if just for faeces and chuckles... Now to Photoshop it on an armchair with a fishing rod... Any Photoshop experts in the club? I'll happily post your efforts in this segment next month.

Submitted by: Dino M (ED)

From the Editor

Well, there is definitely something to be said about local knowledge. Not exactly a local (even though 'Good Greef' lives there), but I like to think that I'm at the very least in the early stages of becoming a bit of a regular fisho of the Tomaga River. I've managed to get a few legal flathead and bream out of this little fishery over the past year or so but, I'm still yet to find anything close to the big girls that I have heard (and sometimes seen in fishing forums) are to be found in this little estuary, but considering the abundance of poddy mullet, I'm not surprised there lurk some big lizards in there.

Now speaking of local knowledge, I have definitely learned a thing or two during my sessions at the Tomakin boat ramp. I generally like to head down there with a few cool ales and a few prawns – the serenity of wetting a line in this spot with a few quiet ales, regardless of what ends up on the line, is simply priceless in my opinion. On one of my recent sessions I was as usual minding my own business in my own little world. About 50 metres away from me I couldn't help notice this old bloke who, what felt like every time I turned around, was getting some very good action on his rod (that when I got a closer look, was probably as old as him). I later found out that he was 87 and had been fishing the same spot for 65 years. After a good hour, we had each pulled in a similar number of fish but in contrast to my efforts, all of his were keepers. What to me was the bigger surprise was the species – drummer. I know drummer are vegetarian and I have only caught them as a by-catch, but I still had to ask what he was using. 'Sea Cabbage' was his answer. I can sense my veteran readers having a 'well duh' moment but it should be said that there comes a point in everyone's life (hopefully countless points that happen over the full duration) that they become aware of something they were previously oblivious to – learning!



Sea Cabbage – *Hedophyllum sessile* (drummus attractus)

As fishos, we should definitely approach our craft with the attitude and expectation that there is always something new to learn. Whether it be about a location – like the one from the anecdote you have just read, a knot (the FG knot for example), a species' behaviour or habits, a new method of working a lure or rigging up bait. Now consider the variables involved in every individual set up such as the rod, reel, line, leader and terminal tackle. Then think about the options available in each of these items such as size, brand, construction material, guides, grip, reel seat, drag, breaking strains, the countless lure types, sizes and colours and lastly, the different hook and sinker types and sizes available and, I've already touched on bait. Where am I headed with this? you ask... actually in two distinct directions.

1. It doesn't matter how experienced a fisho you are, it's impossible to have fished it all so there will always be something new to learn and to me, that's exciting! Adding to this, the more knowledge and experience you have, the more you can impart because there will always be someone who is keen to learn. Sharing a little something from your 'bag of tricks' in this world of catch-and-release no longer means that you are

going to lose all of the fish from your favourite spot due to overfishing as a result of the frivolous handing out of secrets.

2. No matter how much gear you have, there's always room and a convincing argument for more.

Speaking of great gear, that is indeed a very nice looking reel in the winning photo of the January photo comp and the camera must have been pretty decent too because that's a very nice image that seems to make the most of the available light. Congratulations Chris for winning the voucher to Otto's Tackle World Canberra.

Speaking of great gear, Otto's Tackle World Canberra definitely have it in spades and that's some serious incentive for submitting photos in our monthly photo comp. Photos can be submitted directly onto our website or via email. If you have any difficulties with either, let me know and I'll help make it happen.

The rules of the photo comp are really simple:

- Members can submit up to two photos per month
- The photo must either be taken by or be of the member submitting the photo
- No photo shopping or other digital enhancements are allowed

Preferably, photos should be 300 KB to 2 MB in size. Photos greater than 2 MB will need to be compressed if you are attempting to email them. If you're struggling and need help compressing the photos, please contact me or any of the committee members. If you submit your photos directly to the website, you will not have to do any of the above, they will be automatically resized as they upload so this is clearly our preferred method. Don't stress if you can't see your photo on the site straight away, all photos still need a little human intervention to get to the right place with supplied text.

Lastly, if you have some fishing (or fishing related) gear to sell, swap, want to purchase, barter or are giving away because you broke it, please send through the details and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Just email me at editor@canberrafishos.com.

Grant me the SERENITY to accept the size of the fish I catch, the COURAGE not to lie about it, and the WISDOM to know that none of my fishing buddies will believe me anyway.

Catch you next fish,
Dino



January 2016 Photo Competition



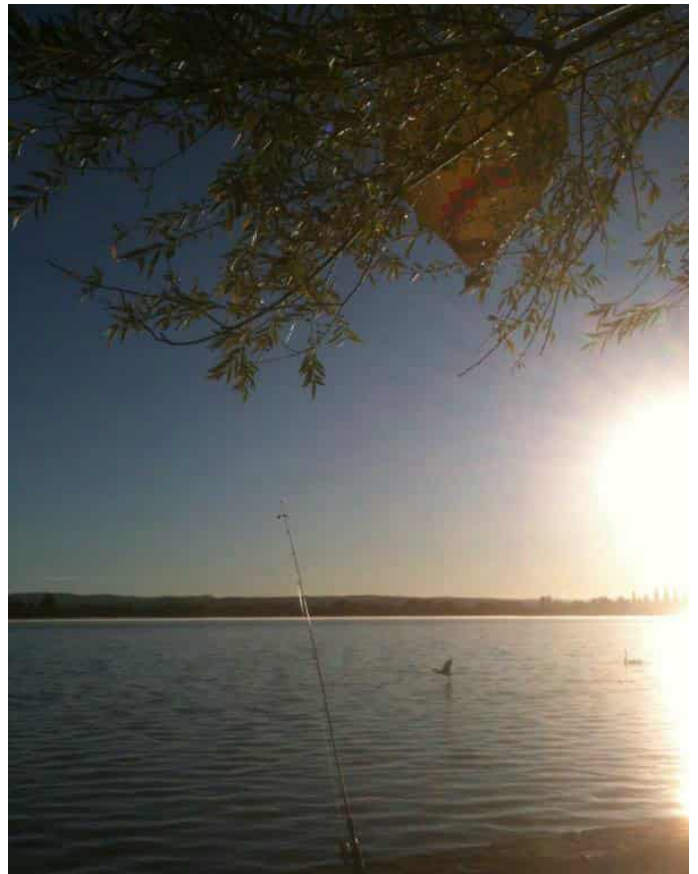
Lindsay S – 1.7kg Carp at the Carpathon



Anthony H – Molongolo River Carp on Fly



Chris G – Jackson's first cod, 71cm on cheese



Glen M – 'Burley Griffin Sunrise



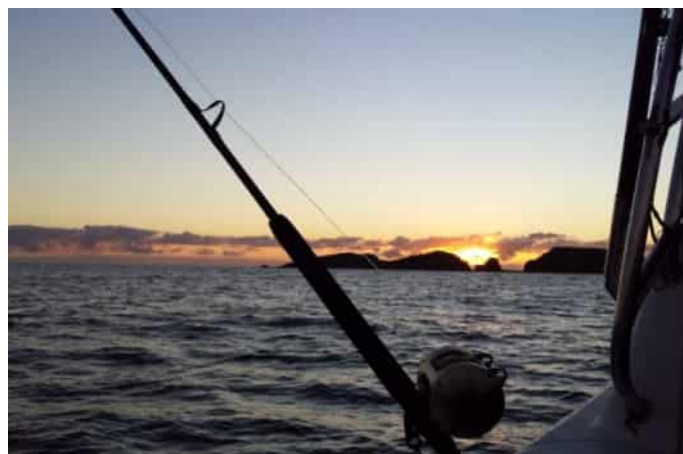
Daniel M – Lilly fell asleep leaning over the front of the boat



Danile M – Sunset over Wallis Lake



Anthony H – Looking for trout in the Gungarlin River



Chris H – Tollgates day 3 sunrise



Chris H – Tollgates day 2 double rainbow



Jon V – Hinchinbrook Golden Trevally On Fly



Jon V – Salmo Selfie at Seven Gates



Now that's what I call a crackin' photo, taken at the crack of dawn, while having a crack at the Tollgates Classic. That is some sensational work from our President, Chris and such a good example of how to make the trip out to the Marlin grounds slightly less expensive.

As always, a huge thank you goes out to our major sponsor, Otto's Tackle World Canberra.



Thank you to everyone at OTWC, not only for keeping this photo competition alive and for the ongoing support extended to the Canberra Fisherman's Club but most importantly, for continually stocking such a great range of gear and always being happy to extend some of the best fishing advice available in Canberra.

2015-2016 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
11th – 14th March	Narooma Convention	8th
3rd April	Carp-Out	12th
9th – 10th April	St Georges Basin	
7th – 8th May	Kalkite	10th
11th – 13th June	Narooma	14th
2nd – 3rd July	Ulladulla	12th

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Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club ANSA

Convention 2016

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB ANSA CONVENTION FACT SHEET

Friday 11 March - Sunday 13 March 2016

Competition times; Start; Friday 12.01am 11 March 2016
Finish; Sunday 1pm 13 March 2016

Cost: Fully catered (all 7 meals) \$50 Senior \$20 Junior \$100 Family
Uncatered (no meals, entry only) \$20 Senior \$10 Junior

Meal Times; "ANGLERS TO SUPPLY OWN PLATES AND CUTLERY"

Thursday Sausage Sizzle	6.30 pm 'til late	(free to all)	
Friday Breakfast	5.30 am 'til 8 am	Friday Dinner	6.00 pm 'til 8 pm
Saturday Breakfast	5.30 am 'til 8 am	Saturday Dinner	6.00 pm 'til 8 pm
Sunday Breakfast	5.30 am 'til 8 am	Sunday Lunch	12 noon 'til 2 pm

Entertainment;

Raffles; Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday presentation BIG DRAW.

Unclaimed prizes from Thursday/Friday/Saturday raffles re-drawn in Sundays BIG DRAW.

Tides for the weekend

Friday 11 March 2016	Low 5.10am High 11.30am	Low 5.38pm	High 10.52pm
Saturday 12 March 2016	Low 6.04am High 12.16pm	Low 6.24pm	High 11.42pm
Sunday 13 March 2016	Low 7.00am High 1.10pm		

Ramps;

Apex Park	(all size boats, with pontoons).
Mill Bay	(all size boats, be careful with drop off, no pontoons).
Taylor's (The Inlet Restaurant)	(has wharf. Do not drive boat onto trailer).
Westside of Highway Bridge	(tinnies only)
The Loop (near Narooma Marina)***	(tinnies only or drive on big boats, no pontoon).

*****SEE NOTES REGARDING MOORINGS AVAILABLE FOR TRAILERBOATS*****

Petrol Stations;

Shell on the Flat	5.30am - 6.30pm
Matilda on the Flat	6.00am - 6.00pm
BP (next to Cinema)	6.00am - late

Eateries;

Bakery on the flat	5am-5pm
ABC Bakery	6.30am
Casey's Cafe	Roxy's Cafe

Bait and Tackle;

Compleat Angler (on the Flat) Darryl	Open 7am- 7pm	4476 2278	All bait and tackle
Narooma Fish and Dive (next to Matilda's)	Open 6am-7pm	0407909111	All bait and tackle

Marine;

Kingfisher Marine	Behind Compleat Angler	4476 2650
Narooma Marina	Riverside Drive 1 minute from Clubhouse	4476 2126

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Narooma Bar Entrance	S 36.12.660	E150.08.010	Bermagui Ent	S 36.25.240	E150.04.440
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Contact Narooma Marina ph; 4476 2126. Cost \$25 per night or \$100 a week.

Walk on/ Walk off for the weekend. No ramp problems. Fuel bowser on Marina. Bait and Ice.TOO EASY !

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